(a) the details of projects formulated for promotion and development of tourism in the different parts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the State-wise details of budget allocated for the purpose during the aforesaid plan; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government for implementation of the said projects in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated following schemes for taking up projects for the development of tourist infrastructure during the Tenth Five Year Plan:

(i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.

(ii) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development.

(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism does not allocate budget State-wise. Projects are identified in various parts of the country in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and considered on merits. During the year 2002-2003, 212 tourism projects involving an amount of Rs. 111.21 crores were sanctioned in various States/Union Territories.

Revival of Fatehpur Sikri

†3365. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared on the page number 7 of Nav Bharat Times dated the 16th December, 2002 captioned "Fatehpur Sikri ki durdasha dekh nirash hue UNESCO pratinidhi";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) when and how much amount was made available by UNESCO for the revival of Fatehpur Sikri; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by Government for the revival of Fatehpur Sikri?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the news item is incorrect. Deputy Director, World Heritage Centre alongwith a consultant to UNESCO visited Fatehpur Sikri and inspected important protected monuments and the site where a tourist facilitation centre and a parking lot are being contemplated. She only suggested that the development activities should not interfere with the integrity and authenticity of the World Heritage Site, which in any case are always kept in view.

(c) UNESCO has not provided any funds for renovation of Fatehpur Sikri.

(d) A long-term perspective programme has been drawn to take up requisite structural repairs, to develop the environs and a master plan has been drawn up to develop a shopping plaza, a car park, an interpretation and documentation centre.

Inclusion of Cheraideo in World Heritage Site

3366. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guwahati circle of Archaeological Survey of India conducted excavation at Cheraideo in Sivasagar District;

(b) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken for the preservation of the exposed underground royal burial structure, human remains and other articles discovered inside the "Maidaam" (tomb); and

(c) whether any scheme is being prepared to include Cheraideo as World Heritage Site, as it possesses a large number of such unique Royal Mausoleum far from thirteenth to nineteenth centuries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has decided to undertake, on the burial mound namely, Maidam No. 2 at Charaideo, District Sibsagar, Assam, the work of closing the drill hole that was made during the British Period, to conserve the exposed underground burial chamber and make it accessible to the visitors and also to clean, preserve and study the remains of the interred human bodily remains and the associated